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SUBJECT: CHILE AT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD

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1. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MATTER RAISED REF. (A),  
PERMREP SHOULD INFORM AMBASSADOR FERNANDEZ THAT WE CONTINUE  
TO BE VERY CONCERNED OVER TREND TO POLITICIZE UNESCO  
ACTIVITIES, WE INTEND IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS AND  
DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK AGAINST THIS  
TENDENCY, TO CALL ATTENTION TO DOUBLE STANDARDS, AND TO  
ENCOURAGE STRICT ADHERENCE TO UNESCO'S TECHNICAL MISSION  
AS DESCRIBED IN ITS CONSTITUTION. WE WILL, OF COURSE,  
ALWAYS STAND FOR FAIR PLAY, EVENHANDEDNESS, AND FOR  
AFFORDING FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CHILE OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT  
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TO DEFEND ITS POSITION. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE PREPARED

TO SUPPORT INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE 97TH UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ITEM PROPOSED BY CHILE CONCERNING ITS PROTEST OVER PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN REACHING PREVIOUS DECISIONS RELATING TO CHILE. PERMREP SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT POSITIONS TAKEN BY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN STATES REPRESENTED ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE IMPORTANT WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSALS WHICH UNFRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS MAY BE PLANNING TO MAKE.

2. DEPT NOTES FROM PROVISIONAL AGENDA THAT PROPOSALS CONCERNING CHILE COULD BE PUT FORWARD EITHER IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION OR IN CONNECTION WITH ITEM ON STATE OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND INFORMATION IN CHILE, WHICH IS TO FEATURE A REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. WHILE WE MUST RESERVE OUR FINAL POSITION UNTIL WE KNOW THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE MADE, PERMREP SHOULD INDICATE TO AMBASSADOR FERNANDEZ OUR THINKING THAT IT MAY BE TACTICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO RELATE ANY PROPOSALS FOR ACTION BY UNESCO TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AT ITS 1975 SESSION EARLIER THIS YEAR. THIS GROUP, WHICH HAS THE MANDATE TO INQUIRE INTO THE PRESENT SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE ON THE BASIS OF PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS, OF A VISIT TO CHILE, AND "OF ORAL AND WRITTEN EVIDENCE TO BE GATHERED FROM ALL RELEVANT SOURCES," HAS BEEN PROMISED THE COOPERATION OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. IF IT DEVELOPS THAT ALLEGATIONS ARE MADE AGAINST CHILE IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO FALL WITHIN THE MANDATE OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP, UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD COULD REFER ALLEGATIONS TO THE UN AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR INQUIRY AS A PART OF ITS GENERAL MANDATE. FURTHER EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION WOULD AWAIT COMPLETION OF REPORT BY UN WORKING GROUP.

3. RE OUR POSITION ON COMMITTEE DEALING WITH COMMUNICATIONS RAISED REF.(B), AGREE THAT SINCE US NO LONGER MEMBER OF COMMITTEE PERMDEL WOULD HAVE NO BASIS FOR INVOLVEMENT THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS FOR ACTION BY EXECUTIVE BOARD. AS CONCERNS OUR STAND  
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WHEN MATTER REACHES EXECUTIVE BOARD ITSELF, OUR POSITION WILL DEPEND UPON NATURE OF ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE PUT FORWARD ON BASIS OF COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS. HOWEVER, IF TACTIC DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 ABOVE APPEALS TO CHILEANS THEY MIGHT WISH TO GET FRIENDLY MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE TO WORK IN DIRECTION OF REFERRAL OF COMPLAINTS TO HRC WORKING GROUP.

4. FYI. DEPT DOES NOT DESIRE THAT WE ASSUME POSTURE IN  
PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS AS DEFENDER OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.  
OUR OPINIONS ON DEPOLITICIZATION, EVENHANDEDNESS AND  
FAIR PLAY MUST BE EXPRESSED IN GENERAL TERMS AS APPLYING  
ACROSS THE BOARD, REGARDLESS OF THE IDENTITY OF THE  
GOVERNMENT WHICH MAY BE INVOLVED. THESE CONSIDERATIONS  
MAY ON SOME FUTURE OCCASION APPLY TO THOSE WHO NOW WOULD  
IGNORE THEM IN THE CHILEAN CASE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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